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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re New Patent Application of )  
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For: DISK REPRODUCTION APPARATUS ) Date: October 17, 2001

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5, 6, and 8 as follows: Please note that the claims are presented below in their amended form. They are further presented as an Attachment to the Amendment whereby the amendments to the claims are outlined using the conventional method of bracketing and underlining.

5. (Amended) A disk reproduction apparatus according to claim 3, wherein  
if the disk type cannot be know, the user is requested to input data in the input item  
order corresponding to the hierarchical structure of a disk having the maximum  
number of levels of the hierarchical structure.

6. (Amended) A disk reproduction apparatus according to any one of claims  
3 or 5, wherein the hierarchical structure of each disk is detected from management  
information which is first read from the disk, and the read hierarchical structure is  
stored.